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***Presenting Dennis Eckart as Keynote Speaker  
for GGP's Annual Partnership Meeting***

Geauga Growth Partnership (GGP) is pleased to announce **Mr. Dennis E. Eckart will be the Keynote speaker** at the **GGP Annual Partnership Meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 7:30-10:00 AM** at the Sisters of Notre Dame Education Center.

GGP welcomes the Geauga business community to attend this free event, which in addition to the keynote message will include presentation of this year's Frank Samuel Distinguished Service award, the Membership's business meeting and election of officers, youth education updates and breakfast. Interested parties are invited to register at <https://ggp-annual-mtg-jun22.eventbrite.com>

*"We are very excited to have Dennis as our keynote speaker this year," says GGP President Tracy Jemison. "He is keenly attuned to Northeast Ohio's Economic climate along with the needs of our businesses and education community."*

Dennis Eckart is best known for his public service, as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from the 18<sup>th</sup> District (1975-1980), a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Ohio's 22<sup>nd</sup> district (1981-1983) and as member of the U. S. House of Representatives from Ohio's 11<sup>th</sup> district (1983-1993). In 2007, Dennis Eckart was appointed to the Kent State University Board of Trustees by Gov. Ted Strickland.

Mr. Eckart served as President and CEO of the Greater Cleveland Growth Association (2000-2003), the forerunner of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, and in 2010 was instrumental in encouraging the development of Geauga Growth Partnership.

*"When a committee was formed early on to discuss the possibility of forming a Growth Partnership for Geauga, we were all feeling cautious," remembers GGP founding board member Jay Giles. "It was Dennis Eckart who said this cannot wait, 'you must do it now'."*

Geauga Growth Partnership was founded in September 2010 as a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization, as a means to support economic development and help strengthen businesses in Geauga County through education, business attraction and retention.

GGP would like to thank the following sponsors, for supporting the Annual Partnership Meeting: University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center, Middlefield Banking Company, Polychem Dispersions, Inc., Sheoga Hardwood Flooring & Paneling, Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan, Burton Station Fixture Company, The Frenchie Group, Geauga Credit Union, Troy Chemical and the Wealthcare Group of Raymond James.

*Geauga Growth Partnership's mission is to enhance the business climate, encourage job creation, to strengthen economic prosperity and to improve the quality of life for all Geauga County residents. GGP is the recognized partner for Geauga County, serving Team NEO and JobsOhio. For more information visit [www.geaugagrowthpartnership.com](http://www.geaugagrowthpartnership.com),*

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